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LIMDIS FOR AMBASSADOR FROM TODMAN

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SWISS ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGEMENTS FOR US-CUBAN NEGOTIATIONS

1. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR CONVEYING TO THE SWISS MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS MY SINCERE APPRECIATION AND THANKS FOR THE HELP ITS EMBASSY IN HAVANA PROVIDED TO THE AMERICAN DELEGATION DURING THE NEGOTIATIONS ON FISHERIES AND MARITIME BOUNDARY WHICH TOOK PLACE APRIL 25-27.

2. AMBASSADOR SERRA AND HIS STAFF PROVIDED ALL THE COUR-
TEIES AND OFFICE BACK-STOPPING FOR OUR DELEGATION THAT WE WOULD EXPECT OF ONE OF OUR OWN EMBASSIES. THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED UNDER SOMEWHAT TRYING CIRCUMSTANCES ARISING FROM CUBAN SENSITIVITIES ABOUT THE PRESENCE OF AN OFFICIAL AMERICAN DELEGATION IN HAVANA. AMBASSADOR SERRA DISPLAYED CONFIDENTIAL

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GREAT TACT IN COPING WITH THIS. HE AND HIS STAFF CONTRIBUTED SUBSTANTIALLY TO THE SUCCESS OF OUR SOJOURN IN HAVANA.

3. AMONG SUBJECTS WE DISCUSSED WITH THE CUBANS WAS THE POSSIBILITY OF SETTING UP AN AMERICAN INTERESTS SECTION IN THE SWISS EMBASSY IN HAVANA AND A SIMILAR CUBAN SECTION

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IN THE CZECH EMBASSY HERE. I HAVE KEPT AMBASSADOR SERRA INFORMED OF THIS PROPOSAL THROUGH THE SWISS EMBASSY HERE AND I ALSO DISCUSSED IT WITH HIM IN HAVANA. ALTHOUGH THE CUBANS SHOWED INTEREST IN THIS PROPOSAL, THERE IS NO AGREEMENT YET TO ESTABLISH SUCH SECTIONS.

4. I HAVE THANKED AMBASSADOR SERRA DIRECTLY BUT WISH YOU ALSO TO EXPRESS OUR THANKS TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY FOR THE EXCELLENT COOPERATION WE HAVE HAD FROM ITS EMBASSY IN HAVANA, OF WHICH THEIR SUPPORT DURING THE RECENT NEGOTIATIONS WAS THE LATEST MANIFESTATION.
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